



GRANT RECIPIENT
CITY OF PORTAGE

YEAR
2011

COUNTY
PORTER

CATEGORY
EDUCATION/OUTREACH

GRANT AWARD
\$3,500

LOCAL SHARE
\$3,500

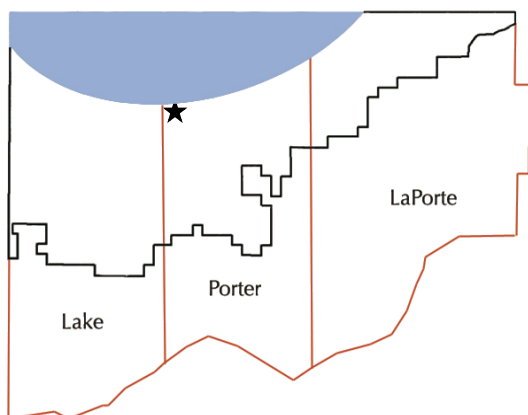


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Lake Michigan Water Safety Program

The City of Portage partnered with the Indiana DNR Division of Law Enforcement, the US Coast Guard, Portage Fire Department - Water Rescue, the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Porter County Boys and Girls Club, Portage Township YMCA, and the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project and developed a water safety expo. The expo was implemented in the Spring of 2013, before the beach season. The expo involved a variety of stations each highlighting different educational tools such as assessing lake conditions, proper fitting of personal flotation devices, using surf boards and kayaks as potential life saving devices, understanding rip currents, and flip, float and follow techniques to name a few. The expo culminated with a regularly scheduled free public program held throughout the summer (and beyond) at the Portage Lakefront Pavilion classroom. A television monitor was installed in the classroom, which can show videos and/or images of the variety of lake conditions with narration.



RESULT: A Water Safety Education event.